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1. During the summer of 1954, there was a considerable reduction in the scale of the mining in Object 7. Some shafts have been closed, for example, Schacht 206 and Schacht 49. Mining in the shafts known to German employees as Niederschlag 3 and Marienberg is rapidly drawing to a close; German employees believe that they will both be closed shortly, and that the whole Object will be abolished within the next year.
2. Personnel, who have become excess as a result of the decrease in activity in Object 7, have been transferred to the Oberschlema and Niederschlema area to work in Object 9.
3. In July, ore was still being divided into four grades known locally as Sorte I, Sorte II, Sorte III and Sorte IV. Sorte I and Sorte II were being taken in trucks driven by Russian personnel to the packing and dispatch depot at Annaberg-Buchholz (Object 54). Sorte III and Sorte IV were shipped in trucks driven by German employees to concentration plants.
4. German radiometrists were still sorting ore in July 1954 simply by assessing the noise heard in their headphones. The German radiometrists working underground were still using the RU apparatus, with defective ammeters; their assessment is checked on the surface by Russian radiometrists using RKS instruments. The voluntary training courses proposed for German radiometrists at the Object in the spring of 1954 never materialized, because there were not sufficient applicants to justify them. 50X1-HUM

6. The following personalities<sup>1</sup> were identified in Object 7 during the period April-July 1954:

a. Bazzareschchin- supervises use of explosives in Object 7.

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- b. Shcherbinin - chief of Schacht 78 of Object 7 until April or May 1954 when he is believed to have returned to the USSR.
- c. Nazsarkin - Formerly senior engineer of Schacht 78; became chief of the Schacht on the departure of Shcherbinin.
- d. Mikhailov - chief of the Technical Control Department (OTK) in Schacht 78.

- 1.  Comment: Spelling of the Russian names is phonetic

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